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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL POT SHRIMP FISHERY UPDATE

Sitka . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game today announced the following information to assist harvesters and processors involved in the Southeast Alaska pot shrimp fishery. This notification is for information only and is expected to change as the fishing fleet moves from previously closed districts. Specific closure announcements will generally occur for each district two or three days prior to the closure. Catch estimates are as of November 1, 2012. **This is the last regular update for the 2012-2013 pot shrimp fishery, for updates please call your local office.**

District 1: Estimated harvest: 60,000 pounds. District 1 closed October 21.

District 2: Estimated harvest: 75,000 pounds. District 2 closed October 15.

Section 3-A: Estimated harvest: 105,000 pounds. Section 3-A closed October 16.

Section 3-B/C: Estimated harvest: 30,000 pounds. **Section 3-B/C closed October 29.**

District 4: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 5: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 20,000 pounds. It is estimated the season will close on February 28, 2013.

District 6: Reported harvest: 37,300 pounds. District 6 closed October 11.

District 7: Reported harvest: 81,500 pounds. District 7 closed October 17.

District 8: Reported harvest: 12,800 pounds. District 8 closed October 21.

District 9: Reported harvest: 16,200 pounds. District 9 closed October 11.

District 10: Reported harvest: 40,300 pounds. District 10 closed October 9.

District 11-Seymour Canal: Reported harvest: 21, 850 pounds. Seymour Canal closed October 8.

District 11-Remainder of District: Estimated harvest: 6,500 pounds, 1,000 pounds remaining.  
**Section 11-A will close at 4:00 p.m., November 4, 2012.** Sections 11-B and 11-C are expected to close by December 31.

District 12-Tenakee: Closed.

District 12-Remainder of District: Closed.

Section 13-A/B: Estimated harvest: 5,000 pounds, 10,000 pounds remaining. It is estimated that the season could close between December 1 and December 15.

Section 13-C: Reported harvest: 28,600 pounds. Section 13-C closed October 4.

District 14: Estimated harvest: 4,750 pounds, 5,250 pounds remaining. It is estimated the season could close between November 15 and November 25.

District 15: Estimated harvest 1,800 pounds, 13,200 pounds remaining. The GHL is 15,000 pounds.

District 16: Harvest is confidential. The GHL is 15,000 pounds. It is estimated the season could close between November 15 and December 15.

| Number of boats, week 43 (Oct 28-Nov 3). Data compiled<br>November 1. |   |   |       |    |       |    |    |
|---|---|---|-------|----|-------|----|----|
| District  | 4 | 5 | 11RoD | 14 | 13A/B | 15 | 16 |
| Boats   | * | * | *     | *  | *     | 4  | *  |
| *Confidential   |   |   |       |    |       |    |    |
| Closed: Districts 1, 2, 3-A, 3-B/C, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11S, 12, 13-C     |   |   |       |    |       |    |    |

All commercial shrimp fishermen are required to notify the department within two business days of deploying gear and within two business days after ceasing fishing in a district, or portion of a district, with a GHL. Catcher/Processor and Catcher/Seller vessels must call the Fish and Game area office that manages the district they are fishing and report catch information between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. once per week by 12:00 noon each Wednesday, every week they conduct fishing operations.

If warranted, the department may re-open a district 14 days after a closure, with a four-day notice. The estimate for when a district is to close may be highly variable. The redistribution of effort as the season progresses may greatly influence the daily harvest rates in districts.

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